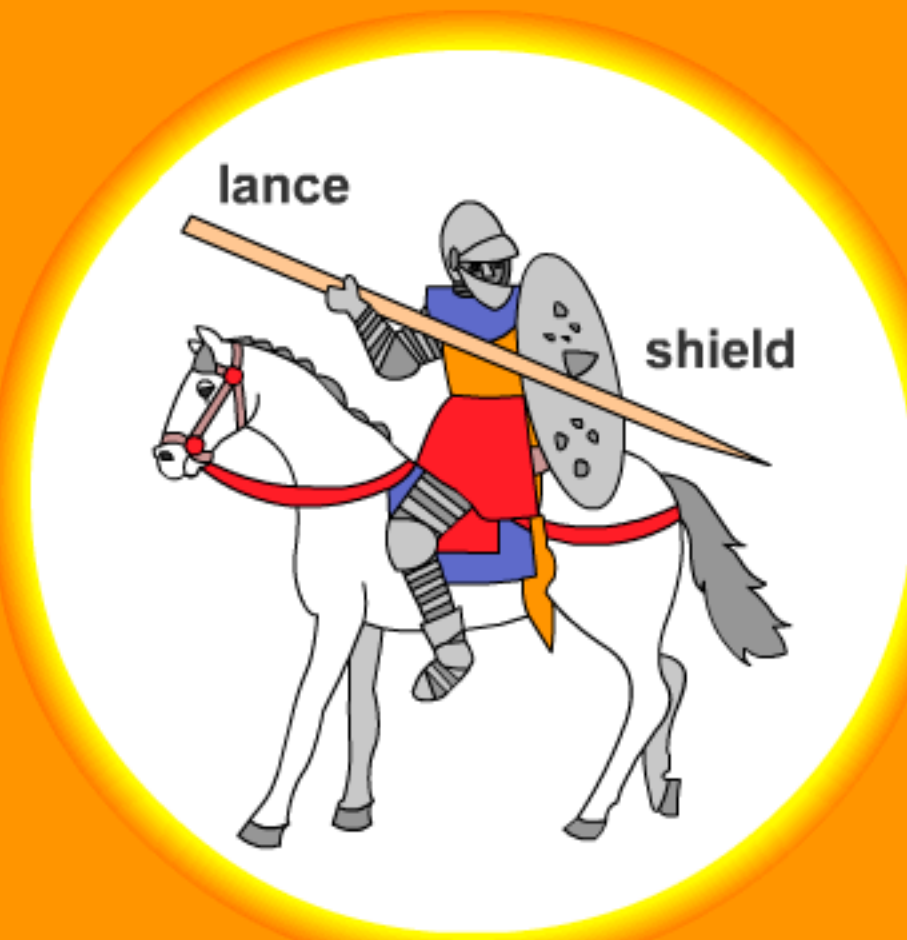




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How to become a knight

A knight is a fighting man with special privileges. To become a knight a boy usually had to be of noble birth. Boys were selected for knighthood at an early age. They were then sent to a castle to be trained.



During the first stage of training until age fourteen, the young boy was called a page. A page had to learn about horses, armour, weapons, battles and hunting. He had to practise fighting with a sword and learn to shoot with a bow and arrow. Because a page was also expected to wait on meals, he had to learn how to carve and serve food. He also received religious training and was often taught to read and write. Furthermore he had to learn good manners and social graces.

At the age of fourteen the page became a squire. Squires had to fight on the battlefield beside their knight and protect him if he fell. A squire was the knight's assistant. He was responsible for dressing the knight for battles or tournaments. He also took care of the knight's armour and weapons. A squire had to spend much time becoming skilled in all forms of battle.

Finally, around the age of twenty and if successfully trained the young squire was dubbed a knight. This was performed in a special ceremony where he was tapped on each shoulder with a sword and conferred with the title of Sir before his name.

The King could also confer knighthoods, often as recognition of courage in battle. The tradition continues today with knighthoods for special services to the country being announced by the Queen of England in an Honours List.

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